water as a result passengers have to face great difficulties;

(b) if so, whether the Government have made any scheme for providing the potable water on the said Stations; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SATPAL MAHARAJ) (a) to (c). Adequate potable water supply arrangements commensurate with the volume of passenger traffic already exists at Agra Cantt, Firozabad, Mathura and Etah Railway stations. Augmentation of the existing arrangements will be considered whenever so warranted.

Profit/Loss in Bokaro Steel Plant

159. PROF. RITA VERMA: Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

(a) the expenditure incurred on setting up of Bokaro Steel Plant and its capital cost at present;

(b) the amount spent after the said Plant became operational; and

(c) the loss and profit of the above Plant during each of the last three years?

THE MINISTER OF STEEL AND MINISTER OF MINES (SHRI BIRENDRA PRASAD BAISHYA): (a) Bokaro Steel Plant (BSL) of SAIL with an annual capacity of 1.7 million tonne of ingot steel was set up at a cost of Rs. 981.34 crore.

The present capital cost of this steel plant (Gross block plus capital work in progress) as on 31.3.1996 is estimated at Rs.5463.56 crore.

(b) The total amount spent (upto 1.7 million tonnes and including the further expansion to 4 million tonne) till 31-3-1996 is estimated at Rs. 4540.69 crore.

(c) The profit of BSL for the lst three years is given below:

Year	Profit (Rs. in crore)
1993-94	468
1994-95	662
1995-96	806

Number of Post Offices in Bihar

160. SHRI RAJESH RANJAN Alias PAPPU YADAV: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Post Offices and Telegraph Offices operating from their own premises and from rental premises in Bihar, district-wise and category-wise;

(b) the number of new Post Offices, Sub-Post Offices and Telegraph Offices likely to be opened in the State during 1996-97, district-wise;

(c) whether the Government propose to provide postal facilities in every Panchayat Headquarters of the State;

(d) if so, the details thereof, and

(e) the number of residential colonies in the State for Postal and Telegraph employees, district-wise?

THE MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI BENI PRASAD VARMA): (a) *Department of Post & Telecom*

The information is being collected and will be laid on the table of the House.

(b) *Department of Post*:

The information is being collected and laid on the Table of the House.

Department of Telecom:

Six (6) number of Telegraph Offices are likely to be opened as under:

1. Kodarma 2. Chatra 3. Lakhi Sarai 4.Pakur 5. Sheohar 6. Shekhpura

(c) to (e) Department of Post & Telecom:

Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

[English]

Introduction of Trains From Calcutta

161. SHRI BAJU BAN RIYAN: Will the Minister of RAILWAY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government are considering to fulfil the demand of the people of North Eastern States to introduce more trains from Calcutta;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether some of the trains from Calcutta have to be extended to Dimapur; and

(d) if so, the time by which the trains are likely to be extended?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SATPAL MAHARAJ): (a) and (b). Introduction of trains on Indian Railways is a continuous process depending upon traffic justification, operational feasibility and resource availability. Frequency of 3045/3046 Howrah-Guwahati Saraighat Express has been increased from weekly to tri-weekly with effect from 1.10.96.